

created the Missing Children Assistance Act of 1984, which established the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Also, John and his wife established the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, and he has been host on "America's Most Wanted" since 1988. This TV program helps capture the worst criminals in America. He still is married and he has three children now, and he works daily to protect our children.

Polly Klaas was abducted from her bedroom in the middle of the night on October 1, 1993, by Richard Allen Davis in California. He later strangled her and sexually assaulted her, and in December of that year, Davis led police to her body, and they discovered that she had been buried alive. Davis, a previously convicted felon, was sentenced to death in September 1996. He is on death row now in California waiting to be executed, as he needs to be.

Marc Klaas, her father, worked in a Hertz car rental center in San Francisco prior to her death. Memories of his daughter Polly were sitting on the couch, watching her favorite show "The Simpsons." She had a love for performing. She also loved to play her clarinet and would have loved to have been an actress.

But the effect of her death, Mr. Speaker, in the words of her father, Marc, he said, "I wanted to be dead for 10 years. No one has affected my life so positively and nothing has affected my life so negatively."

After her abduction and murder, Marc gave up his business and dedicated his life to protecting our children. He is the founder of the Klaaskids Foundation, a nonprofit organization; and in 1994, he was instrumental in establishing the "three strikes, you're out" law in California. A third felony conviction means those criminals go to prison for 25 years to life.

Mr. Speaker, number three, Jessica Lunsford, 9-year-old girl in Florida. She was abducted also from her bedroom on February 23, 2005, by a repeat sex offender, John Couey. This occurred in Homosassa, Florida. He repeatedly sexually assaulted her, and then he buried her alive in his backyard.

It is interesting to note that "America's Most Wanted" helped capture this individual.

On March 18, 2005, Couey confessed to raping and killing Jessica and told police where she was buried. He is waiting trial; and, hopefully, the folks in Florida will administer their corrective punishment, the death penalty, in his case.

Mark Lunsford, her father, normal guy. In fact, he moved to Florida to protect his children. He was in the Army after high school and he loved his kids. He just worked as a heavy equipment operator at a recycling center. He says about his daughter that she loved to work with him and operate this heavy equipment. They took care of each other because that is what families do.

The effect of her death has helped him to also work for children. He is helping get Jessica's Law passed in 18 States, which increases the minimum penalty for sex offenders to 25 years for first offenders.

Mr. Speaker, these three fathers from three different backgrounds had a child stolen from them by a child predator. As a father of four and a grandfather of five, there would be nothing worse than to have a child murdered.

I know all three of these fathers. In fact, two of them are in Washington today. They are still fighting for kids, and they are here today because the President signed the Adam Walsh Child Safety Act to toughen up registration of child predators.

Twenty-five years ago today, Adam Walsh was kidnapped.

Mr. Speaker, children are our greatest resource, and every time a child is born, God is making a bet on the future of our culture. We are not judged by the way we treat the rich, the famous, the powerful, the influential. We as a society are judged by the way we treat the weak, the innocent, the children.

The voices of these three children, the roll call of the dead, Jessica, Polly and Adam, call from the graves for justice. America must be the land that concerns itself with the protection of its children, and we must win this war against those child terrorists who steal the lives of our children.

And that's just the way it is.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-606) on the resolution (H. Res. 958) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ENERGY BILL ANNIVERSARY BRINGS PAIN AT THE PUMP

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the first anniversary of the House passage of the Bush energy bill.

Our Republican colleagues probably want to take a victory lap, but they just cannot afford the gas. Gas prices, you see, in that 1 year are 71 cents higher today than they were 12 months ago.

The Republican energy bill fails American consumers by design.

They moved it a year ago, even though they knew it would grow our dependence on foreign oil because it offered \$85 billion in consumer subsidies to Big Oil and the other Republican corporate campaign donors.

It has paid off. Eighty-four percent of Big Oil's more than \$10 million in political contributions for this November's elections have gone to Republicans, 84 percent. Is it any wonder who the Republican energy bill really serves?

Too many of my Republican colleagues are addicted to oil company campaign contributions.

We need to reject the failed policies of the past. We need to build a brighter future of greater energy independence by using energy smarter, investing in new, job-creating energy technologies and, for instance, making my State of Ohio the Silicon Valley of alternative energy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. OSBORNE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING DR. ROCH DOLIVEUX

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of turn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend a fine constituent of the 11th District of Georgia, Dr. Roch Doliveux. Dr. Doliveux is the chief executive officer of UCB, Incorporated, a leading global biopharmaceutical company with facilities in my district, the 11th of Georgia, in the town of Smyrna.

Earlier this year, Dr. Doliveux received the Epilepsy Foundation's Distinguished Achievement Award in New York City. The Epilepsy Foundation annually recognizes individuals who have made outstanding efforts on the behalf of those living with epilepsy.

As the CEO of UCB, Incorporated, Dr. Doliveux has spearheaded his company's efforts to raise awareness of this disease, and he has leveraged its resources to develop and provide medicines to help patients return to their daily activities.

In our country, epilepsy affects 2.7 million Americans and their families. Mr. Speaker, epilepsy is a seizure disorder that can develop at any time in life, and it can stem from a variety of causes; but it is always a costly and frequently debilitating disease.

That is why, as a physician Member, I am so proud to stand on the floor of this body and extend my congratulations to Dr. Doliveux for his fine work on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation.

IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to tell a little story.

This week, a wonderful family from my district in Ohio brought to Washington a little sketch that they left with me. It is a scene from inside a home, and a little boy is standing at a window holding what looks like a prayer book. He is looking out this window into a sunlit day, and outside the window are these beautiful, beautiful apple trees.

You do not realize as you are looking at this child, who may be 4 years old or so, looking outside his window, you do not realize that what is walking by his window are bayonets pointed straight up, because in the way the artist has drawn the picture, the gun butts parallel the trunks of the apple trees.

You look at this picture and it causes you to pause, and in the distance in the sky, you see a small bird flying, a bird of peace.

As I watch what is happening in the Middle East and the carnage that comes over our television screens every evening, I cannot help but ask myself, what is wrong with humankind that we cannot stop the killing? Is the United States of America so strong militarily that it also cannot be strong morally and stand up and say to those involved, Cease fire? Cease fire on all sides, now, now. Would the world not stand with us? Why should the United States not just be silent but step away, step away for all the thousands and thousands and thousands of young people whose futures are being destroyed, whose countries are being leveled?

In the Palestinian Authority, in Israel, in Lebanon, I say to myself, what is it about human nature that makes us as creatures so marauding and so hateful and apparently so incapable of saying drop the bayonets, just for a day, just to see if peace is possible?

I am just appalled at what is happening. I look at our world, I look at all of its leaders, I look at all of our material wealth, all of the arms, the bunker-buster bombs that are on their way, and I say to myself, I thought the 20th century was the century of utter destruction and that we had finally contained those forces in the world that were so harmful to human life, and that when we turned the new page on the new millennium, we would usher in a millennium of peace, and now this.

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I would urge the President of the United States to not just look at the military side of the equation but to deeply consider both political and diplomatic efforts, initially through back channels. No country should be isolated, whether it is Lebanon or Syria, or Jordan or Iran. Because out of isolation, even in a marriage, comes an icy standoff and no resolution. It is no different with countries. You cannot have that kind of icy standoff and think the world will be at peace.

I can tell you that the southern part of Lebanon that is the object of the invasion right now is an area where development was not allowed to occur, where the west literally backed away and allowed the forces of Hezbollah to gain greater and greater footing. And we are yielding the policies of isolation that allowed this to occur.

So I would say to my colleagues, I would say to people of good conscience everywhere, now is the time to stand up to stop the killing on all sides in a part of the world where the soils are blood drenched from Bethlehem to Gaza to northern Israel, and Haifa now, to southern Lebanon again. Haven't we had enough of killing one another?

I would urge the Secretary of State, the President of the United States, the Members of this Congress who are going to be leaving Washington tomorrow in this House and I guess next week in the other body, to devote your August to thinking how we can all be voices to stop the killing and to call for a ceasefire on all sides for the sake of the world. Surely we are destroying a part of the earth that will take generations to restore, and we every day are watching young people and innocence killed by the hundreds and thousands. Can't the world do better than this?

I think about the drawing of the little boy looking out the window at a beautiful sky and apple trees with the bayonets walking by.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GILCHREST addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

U.N. OIL FOR FOOD SCANDAL

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 5 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, recently in a Manhattan Federal Court, we saw the first conviction worldwide in the Iraqi Oil-for-Food scandal. Billions of dollars illicitly passed between one of the world's most notorious dictators, Saddam Hussein, over 2,200 companies worldwide, and top officials of the U.N. Now, more than 3 years after the scandal was brought to light, Tongsun Park, a Korean national, is now the only individual who has been tried for those gross crimes.

Mr. Park is a familiar player in the game of corruption, having been heavily involved in the 1970s Congressional bribery scandal known as Koreagate. In that case, he saved himself from prison by turning States evidence, but instead of taking this near miss as a lesson, 20

years later, he became involved again in a decidedly more devious scheme that kept a murderous dictator living in high style with his millions of dollars from Saddam Hussein to take care of his "expenses" and his "people," as he called them.

During this time that he was on Saddam Hussein's payroll, Park met 20 times with U.N. Secretary General Boutros-Ghali at his personal residence. Apparently, despite his corrupt past, his friendship and guidance were sought by Boutros-Ghali and his Under Secretary, Maurice Strong.

The Oil-for-Food program was the brain child of Boutros-Ghali and Strong. And shortly before the program was finalized, Strong took nearly \$1 million from Park. A payment that Strong forgot until he was shown the check. Mr. Strong went on to serve Kofi Annan in a high-ranking capacity as his personal envoy to the Korean peninsula, where he was advised on North Korean issues by Park.

In all likelihood, Park, at 71 years of age, will serve extensive prison time for his crimes. Further trials for his co-conspirators are scheduled for this November.

Unfortunately, the U.N. continues to protect some of the most egregious offenders, including Oil-for-Food Director Ben Sevan, who allegedly took some \$147,000 in payoffs. Sevan has claimed that he is innocent, but he has fled to Cyprus to avoid extradition. The innocent defend themselves in the court of public opinion or the court of law, but Mr. Sevan, instead, chooses to hide, living off his illicit gains.

Hundreds of other individuals inside and outside the U.N. were involved in the kickbacks and payoffs of the Oil-for-Food scandal, so I applaud the work of the Federal prosecutors who will continue to bring down indictments, but they need full cooperation of the U.N. if they are to bring justice to those individuals who contributed to Saddam Hussein's reign of terror.

Now, despite the fact that the corruption reached the highest levels of the U.N., the U.N. has yet to take up important reforms that would prevent such problems in the future. Reform, though badly needed throughout this organization, has been stalled by a group of countries that include some of the worst human rights offenders in the world, those who daily ignore the lofty goals of the U.N. If the U.N. is to fulfill its mandate to be an organization that promotes peace, freedom, and prosperity, then it must set an example of clean ethnics and not of dirty corruption that keeps men and women around the world in poverty and slavery.

The Oil-for-Food scandal completely undermined the work of the sanctions against Iraq and provided the means that, in all likelihood, continue to fuel the work of terrorists in Iraq. There must be justice for Saddam's victims, and the U.N. should not stand in the way of that justice being administered.